

12 DECEMBER 2017**CIMIC'S CPB CONTRACTORS TO CONSTRUCT WEST GATE TUNNEL**

CIMIC Group company, CPB Contractors, has achieved contractual close on Victoria's multi-billion dollar West Gate Tunnel.

CPB Contractors was selected by Transurban and the State Government of Victoria as the preferred contractor for the project in April 2017, in a 50:50 joint venture with John Holland.

The design and construct contract will generate revenue to CPB Contractors of approximately \$2.49 billion.

Major construction work is expected to start in early 2018 with the project scheduled to open to traffic in 2022.

CIMIC Group Chief Executive Officer Michael Wright said: "Delivering complex roads and transport projects are core capabilities for CIMIC and CPB Contractors. We are the largest tunnelling contractor in Australia, with considerable experience in creating transforming infrastructure such as the West Gate Tunnel.

"We are privileged to be working with Transurban and the Victorian Government to deliver this exciting project that is so integral to the State's vision for sustainable roads systems, and so vitally important for its people and communities."

CPB Contractors Managing Director Juan Santamaria said: "With many decades of roads and tunnelling experience in Australia, our capabilities will ensure minimal disruption, a safe and effective works program, and certainty of delivery for our client.

"We are focused on ensuring opportunities for local workers, and providing a value for money procurement program that includes Indigenous business and social enterprises to achieve broader community benefits."

The West Gate Tunnel project, one of Victoria's largest ever urban road projects, will deliver a vital alternative to the West Gate Bridge, provide quicker and safer journeys, and remove thousands of trucks from residential streets.

Design and construction works include widening the West Gate Freeway from eight lanes to 12 between the M80 Ring Road and Williamstown Road; a 2.8km eastbound tunnel and 4km westbound tunnel under Yarraville; a new bridge over the Maribyrnong River; an elevated road along Footscray Road to the Port of Melbourne, CityLink and the city's north; and major new cycling and pedestrian paths.

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